

# LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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**New Advertisements.**  
 Beaty's Corner Store.  
 Potatoes—F. W. Habenicht.  
 Sheriff's Sale—John D. McCarley, S. C. C.  
 Sammons—Ragsdale & Ragsdale, Plaintiff's Attorney.

**Local Events.**  
 —Ice for sale at Hendrix' Soda Water Parlor.  
 —Mr. W. C. Beaty is making improvements on his house.  
 —Mr. Jas. M. Raines has been appointed postmaster at Blythehood.  
 —Several visiting young ladies will shortly depart hence. Consequently several young men are sick.  
 —The county commissioners were in session on Wednesday. Only routine business was considered.  
 —McMaster, Brice & Ketchin have campaign hats at \$1.00.  
 —The building of the Episcopal church is delayed by the tardiness of the architect who is to furnish the plan.  
 —F. W. Habenicht advertises in today's issue a fine variety of Irish potatoes at forty cents a peck. Give him a call.  
 —We are requested to state that the reunion of the 6th Regiment, S. C. V., will be held at Chester on Thursday, August 2.  
 —In our report of a death lately we should have said that it was Mrs. David Canak, who died, not Mrs. David Y. Camak.  
 —The collection on Saturday at the Baptist entertainment, including a small supplement from an unexpected source, amounted to \$65.00.  
 —JERSEY FLATS CHILL AND FEVER CURE is guaranteed by all merchants selling it to cure, or money refunded. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.  
 —The ladies of the Baptist church desire to express through this paper, their thanks to Mr. G. H. McMaster for the use of the Thespian Hall.  
 —Several communications have been omitted, owing to the lateness of their reception and the press of other matter. They will appear in due time.  
 —The broom drill has been changed from the 26th July to 25th. This is owing to a desire of some of the young ladies to leave on the 26th for a summer trip.  
 —We are requested to state to the subscriber to the capital stock of the Elliott Gin Company, that 50 per cent. of the stock due, will be called for on or before July 20th.  
 —One of our advertisers told us that his business had increased between 50 and 75 per cent. this year. He attributed it to "liberal" advertising. "A word to the wise is sufficient."  
 —Ice cold soda water and milk shakes at Hendrix's.  
 —"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken.  
 —The Supervisor of Registration has deposited with Mr. Jas. Q. Davis a number of certificates for the voters of Mount Zion Township. Those interested will call and secure their certificates.  
 —J. H. Cummings and W. T. McCrorey, of this county, have been drawn as petit jurors for the United States Court, which meets in Columbia the fourth Monday in November next.  
 —Twenty bales of cotton were sold in town on Saturday and four on Monday. We are informed that there are still plenty in the country. Merchants say there was a good trade on Saturday.  
 —We have been shown samples of cotton bolls this week of extra large size for the season. Rain is needed here and there, but the crop generally is in an excellent condition considering the seasons.  
 —Business men report trade good for this season of the year—an evidence of the bargains that can be had in Winnsboro at any time. Winnsboro merchants are always alive, and surpass other merchants in prices.  
 —GILBERT'S PILLS are unsurpassed and purely vegetable. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.  
 —As an evidence of the advantage of liberal advertising, we would state that a merchant said to us the other day that his advertisement in this paper had brought him two customers who had never before traded in Winnsboro.  
 —If you will go to work at once you can easily secure a sewing machine. We offer a fine one to any person securing us the largest number of new subscribers. Go to work, and in a short time you can secure the machine.  
 —It having been decided to repair the town clock and re-letter the faces, the work has been anxiously looked for. We are informed that the work has been postponed for a short while. The contract has not yet been given out.  
 —The Jackson Creek neighborhood will give a basket picnic to the County Alliance on the 27th inst., under the auspices of the Jackson Creek Alliance. This will be merely a neighborhood affair and not for the public generally.  
 —ARE YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer a positive cure. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken.  
 —Mr. W. H. Flenniken will soon rebuild his residence. The lumber and all necessary requisites are on the ground, and it only remains for the carpenters to begin work. Owing to other engagements the workmen will not be able to immediately take hold.  
 —The dancing school opened at the armory on Thursday night, Miss Selby

teacher. The class numbers about 20. Some of the novices are quite green, but they hope to improve and become at least as graceful as possible. It will not be the teacher's fault if they do not.

—The Feasterville Club met on the 11th inst. The delegates to the recent convention were instructed to favor the primary plan for nominating a Congressman. A motion was adopted to endorse Hon. Giles J. Patterson for Governor.

**SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY**—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Canker-Mouth. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken.

—Read the advertisement of the "Corner Store." A great mid-summer clearing sale is going on there. The proprietors carry a large line of goods all of which will be sold at reduced prices, on 30 days time. This will be a good opportunity to secure bargains.

—Mr. E. B. Ragsdale has returned from Newberry where had gone to defend Will. Murphy, charged with the murder of Jno. D. Oxner, a white man. The jury found the accused not guilty. Murphy is a negro, and it was owing to Mr. Ragsdale's able defence that he was acquitted.

—As an evidence of business in town last Saturday, it might be stated that Mrs. J. D. McCarley sold thirty-five hats on that day. For the dull season this is a most excellent record, and it is owing mostly to her liberal advertisements and excellent goods that she receives such patronage.

—Watermelons are being offered on the streets for sale, although they are somewhat small as compared with the Georgia melon. The Fairfield melon is a little late, but if you give it time it gets there over the Georgia or any melon, both as to size and lusciousness, and it tastes better all the time.

—The ground has been broken for the buildings to be erected by Mr. Jas. Turner, on the lots recently burned. The workmen are busily engaged laying granite foundations, for them, and at an early date we may expect to see substantial granite buildings where there is now a desolate waste.

—The town clock, not naturally the most beautiful building in the world, was positively entrancing on Thursday. This was caused by the presence of several young ladies on the porch around the top. They had a splendid field-glass through which they viewed the beautiful scenery surrounding Winnsboro.

—The Rev. Mr. Neville, of Blackstock, was robbed on Friday night by a tramp, it is thought, as one was seen loitering about the place. Mr. Neville lost a suit of clothes, his pocket-book, and some other valuables, which the thief could carry. The value of the loss could not be ascertained. No arrests have been made.

—If you take JERSEY FLATS occasionally you will never suffer with chills and fever. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.

—Turner's bridge, about which so much complaint has been recently made, has been completely rebuilt, and is now in the most approved condition. It has been entirely remodeled, and wagons of the heaviest loads can pass with perfect safety over it.

—Mr. J. A. Brown, the contractor, deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which the work was executed.

—A correspondent at DuBose's store reports several cases of fever and measles, and also remarks to the editor, "Ain't it hot? Where do you go to get cool?" We don't go anywhere but sit in the office and sizzle—slowly fry to death. We would go to Greenland's icy mountain, but well-nigh paper men don't often take such trips.

—Mr. F. W. Habenicht received a wagon load of watermelons on Friday, and he offers them at the most reasonable prices. They are large and fresh, and of a most luscious flavor, as we can testify, having sampled one. Fritz never forgets the printers when he has something fresh and nice on hand. We advise every one to call at his ice house early this morning and secure a good melon for Sunday.

**ECLIPSE.**—An eclipse of the moon will occur on the 22nd of July, and will be of more interest than the one of January 8th, because it will be more plainly seen. It will take place at midnight, and will be visible in this section.

**WEATHER REPORT.**—The following is the weather report for the last seven days:  
 Highest temperature.....97.  
 Lowest temperature.....64.  
 Rainfall.....1.02 inches.  
 The rain was general and fell steady and will do much good.

**JERSEY FLATS Chills and Fever Cure** for sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin and all druggist merchants.

**A FEMALE PHYSICIAN.**—The following letter has been received by Mr. J. F. McMaster:  
 AMBOLD, Ill., July 9, 1888.—Will you kindly answer me the following question? What is the leading industry in your city? How many physicians have you? Is there a woman in the number? Is your population that which would be likely to patronize a woman physician?

**FINE COTTON.**—Mr. W. R. Doty has a field of cotton just above town that is extremely fine. It not only attracts the most favorable comment of people in town, but of those from the country who have seen it. It is on the same field which, under his management, made over 41 bushels of corn to the acre. The fine appearance of this crop shows what live, progressive farming can accomplish on the "worn out red hills" of Fairfield.

**A Sound Legal Opinion.**  
 E. Brainbridge, M.D., Esq., County Atty., Clay Co., Tex., says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malaria Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."  
 Mr. D. I. Wilcox, of Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: "He positively believes he would have died, had it not been for Electric Bitters."  
 This great remedy will ward off, as well as cure all Malaria Diseases, and for all Kidney, Liver and Stomach Disorders stands unequalled. Price 50c and \$1.00. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.

**THE POSTOFFICE, "AS SHE WORKS."**  
 —The headline to this article doesn't mean that the postoffice is "built that way" now, but how it used to work in the good old days of "stealing." On December, 1879, Mr. A. W. Brown sent money in a registered letter to Columbia, in payment for a canary bought by him from Heidt Bros., of that city. The receipt ought to have been returned to him immediately, but as it was, he received it Saturday, in this year of grace 1888. This was nearly ten years between its dispatch and reception.

**WHY WILL YOU cough** when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief. Price 10 cts., 50 cts., and \$1. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken.

**STATE ALLIANCE.**—The State Alliance was in session on the 16th and 17th inst. Twelve counties were represented. Fairfield having 12 sub-alliances was entitled to 12 votes in the convention. The delegates from this county were: W. S. Hall, Jr., L. T. Wilds, J. B. Crosby, T. P. Mitchell, C. P. A. Broom, J. H. Shoemaker, D. L. Stevenson, D. P. Crosby, N. D. Roberts. Mr. J. B. Crosby was a member of the committee on statutory law, Mr. T. P. Mitchell on the committee of McCormick system of agency. On the permanent organization Rev. James Douglas was elected chaplain, and T. P. Mitchell chairman of the executive committee.

**GOOD FARMING.**—We think all farmers should enter into the prize club association. It will stimulate planters to make better crops on less land. By doing this it will show that it does not always take a large area to make a big yield of cotton. On the contrary a small area, properly cultivated, will yield a larger crop than one not so well worked. From the report of the Waterlee Prize Association it can be easily seen that the finest crop in the county will be made by one of its members. His yield will be anywhere between one and three bales to the acre. If all the farmers in the county would follow such an example, "hard times" would be a cry of the past.

—JERSEY FLATS will cure dysentery in a few hours. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.

**FAIRFIELD AT WEST POINT.**—Since the foundation of the West Point Military Academy, seven men from South Carolina have been honor men. Out of this number four were natives of this State. Taking the native South Carolinians who have graduated with honor at the institution we find that Fairfield furnished two of them. These two are Lieutenants H. C. Davis and D. D. Gaillard. This is a matter of pride to the citizens of this county, especially when it is considered that only men of marked ability can graduate with honors at West Point. It is a fact, often proved, that Fairfield boys always take a high stand in whatever institution they attend. The cause of this is that the people of this county are most liberal in their contributions to education. Lieutenant Jervey, of Charleston, took the first honor at West Point this year.

**PERSONAL.**—Lieut. D. D. Gaillard, U. S. Corp Engineers, and wife, are visiting relatives in town. Lieut. Gaillard has been stationed at St. Augustine, Fla., but after a short visit here he will go to Asheville, N. C., where he will remain until awaiting orders.

Rev. G. P. Watson left on Wednesday for a trip to the mountains.

Solicitor McDonald returned on Friday morning from an extended trip in the circuit.

Mr. A. M. Aiken who has been visiting Dr. Aiken's family left for Abbeville on Saturday. Mr. David W. Aiken accompanied him.

Mrs. Effie Blakely, of Laurens, is visiting her mother's family.

Mr. W. M. Propst, of The News and Herald, has gone to Lancaster for a month's vacation.

The Rev. W. S. Monteith, of Columbia, was in town on Monday.

—JERSEY FLATS never fail to cure any case of Malaria or Bilious Chills and Fevers. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.

**THE WINNSBORO GRANITE QUARRIES.**—We clip the following from the Charleston World:  
 "A meeting of the directors of the Winnsboro Granite Company was held in the office of Gen. Rudolph Seigling, the president of the company, yesterday morning. There were present, Messrs. Rudolph Seigling, A. C. Haskell, Thomas W. Woodward, James F. Redding, George A. Wagener and Henry E. Young. Mr. Redding, the secretary and treasurer, read a long report showing the business done by the company for the last six months, and the present condition of the corporation. This report showed that the finances of the company were in an excellent condition, and that the business was spreading and increasing in volume. The stone is sold all over the United States, and is used for both paving and building in all of the large cities. The City of Charleston derived much benefit from the company since the stock has been owned and controlled here."

**ESCAPED CONVICTS.**—On Monday a daring and successful break for liberty was made by two convicts at the penitentiary. Joe Moore and Rufus Young, the latter from Fairfield, among other convicts, were working upon the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railroad bridge. As the party was about to return to the penitentiary on a boat, the two convicts attacked the guard, wrenched his rifle from him and threw him into the river. The guard attempted to draw his pistol while in the water, but the convicts seized it and prevented him from using it. Having the rifle and pistol, they ordered the guard not to attempt to hold them. They then rowed off in the boat, carrying another convict with them to bring the boat back. Three convicts were with the guard, besides the two who escaped. Two were in for life and one for a

# TO REDUCE STOCK.

WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE DULL SEASON, WHEN VERY FEW GOODS ARE NEEDED OR BOUGHT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO BEGIN NOW.

Tuesday, July 3, 1888,

We will offer for sale 150 pieces of Checked and Striped Piquets and Naisooks at a great sacrifice to close them out. 125 pieces White Lawns, all qualities, at a bargain. A large lot of Black and Colored Silk Gloves at cost. Also a lot of

SHOES. SHOES. SHOES.

An inspection of our stock will convince everybody that we maintain fully every pledge and promise we make.

**Q. D. WILLIFORD & CO.**

# A GRAND MONEY-MAKING BUSINESS!

LADIES, act wisely; don't pay one dollar for something you can buy for seventy-five cents, just because it came from this house or that house.

**D. A. HENDRIX**

Is offering his stock of Spring and Summer Lawns and Muslins cheaper than any other house in town. This is no lie, but an actual fact. If you doubt it then come and see.

THE CHEAPEST FIFTY CENTS CORSET ON THE MARKET.

Very Respectfully,

**D. A. Hendrix.**

## COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Delegates—Proceedings in Detail.

The County Convention met in the Court House on Saturday, and was called to order by Chairman Gaillard, who read the authority by which the Convention was called, this being by the order of the Chairman of the Congressional Executive Committee, G. W. Shell, of Laurens. The first matter was the election of a secretary. Mr. Jas. Q. Davis was nominated and unanimously elected. The chair stated that the Albion Bandana Club had been organized and received.

The roll of delegates was called, and a quorum was found present. The delegates are as follows:

Jackson Creek—R. Y. Lemmon, J. G. Evans, J. G. Robinson, J. G. and J. C. Weldon.

Mossy Dale—A. G. Bookman, E. Trapp, W. A. Neil, T. C. Camak.

Oakland—Jno. Hollis, J. L. Wardlaw, D. H. Robertson, N. A. Peay, J. G. Hollis.

White Oak—J. M. Galloway, A. J. Hamilton, J. W. Bankhead, J. G. Brown, S. R. Johnston.

Greenbrier—W. F. Jackson, T. W. Woodward, J. R. Dellaney, Dr. I. T. Smith, S. R. Rutland, W. R. Rabb.

Albion—C. S. Brice, Jr., L. W. Henry, J. E. Stevenson, W. M. Banks.

Bear Creek—E. H. Heins, M. L. Cooper, H. L. Duke, Lewis Sharp, Jas. Allen.

Horeb—W. N. Mason, L. D. Tinkler, A. P. Irby, J. M. Steele, T. W. Seruggs.

Longtown—J. D. Harrison, J. P. Jones, A. W. Matheson, R. C. Reeves, W. J. Jackson.

Winnsboro—G. H. McMaster, Jas. Q. Davis, F. Gerig, R. B. Boylston, J. D. McCarley, T. K. Elliott, J. M. Stewart.

Jenkinsville—S. S. Chitty, C. B. Douglass, J. A. McKee.

Woodward—T. M. Boulware, Jr., E. M. Woodward, E. L. Brice, A. J. Boyd, R. G. Miller, Jno. A. Stewart.

Blythehood—W. J. Johnston, J. D. Hogan, T. C. Leitner, W. I. Hogan, J. M. Raines, W. J. Raines.

Gladden's Grove—J. G. Mobley, C. S. Ford, W. S. Hall, D. McDonald, W. S. McDonald.

Salem—J. M. Owings, W. T. Pettigrew, J. D. Aiken, J. C. Lewis, M. Y. Milling.

Monticello—J. W. Lyles, H. M. Zealy, J. H. Aiken, J. N. Hammond, F. C. Lupo, J. M. Kirkland, W. P. Barrett.

Ridgeway—W. M. Coleman, W. T. Campbell, G. L. Rosborough, R. H. McKelvey, J. R. Thomas, P. M. Spence, B. F. Anstun, R. A. Meares.

Cedar Creek—J. S. Gannell, P. C. Broom, D. A. Broom, E. L. Richardson.

Feasterville—M. D. C. Colvin, W. W. Crosby, J. G. Welling, T. W. Traylor, T. D. Owings, J. K. Stevenson, D. R. Feaster.

Y. M. D. C.—C. A. Douglass, G. W. Ragsdale, J. N. Center, Q. D. Williford, W. C. Rion, W. D. Douglass.

There were 102 members present.

Jno. D. Harrison introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, with an eloquent address which was received with applause:

Recognizing and appreciating the high character and eminent public services, in war and in peace, of our fellow-citizen, Gen. John Bratton.

Be it resolved, That the Democracy of Fairfield, in convention assembled, endorses his candidacy for Congress, pledge to him its earnest and hearty support, and that the delegates to the nominating convention are hereby instructed to make every proper and legitimate effort to secure his nomination.

It being past the dinner hour, two o'clock, of most delegates, a motion to

resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That J. E. McDonald, Esq., Solicitor of this Judicial Circuit, having served the public faithfully and efficiently in the discharge of the duties of his office for the past four years, is entitled to all commendation, and that this Convention does hereby endorse him as a candidate for reelection, and instructs the delegates to be hereafter elected to the judicial convention to use every endeavor to secure his re-nomination.

Capt. W. N. Mason, having previously called for the reading of the Constitution of the Democratic party of the county, this was done by the secretary.

Capt. Mason offered a resolution that all young men who are 16 years old be eligible to full membership in Democratic clubs. This brought forth many amendments and long discussion, when T. K. Elliott offered a substitute, which, after discussion, was laid on the table until the regular business should be transacted.

Before the regular business was entered upon, R. A. Meares introduced a set of resolutions relating to the election of trial justices. After much discussion by members, Mr. Meares finally accepted amendments to his resolution, which, as finally passed, read as follows:

That the County Executive Committee be, and are hereby requested under the authority conferred upon them by the Constitution to enact rules and regulations for management of the primary election, to restrict the election of trial justices within their respective territorial districts.

That the officers of sheriff, treasurer, clerk, auditor, judge of probate, supervisor of registration, jury commissioner, county commissioners, coroner, school commissioner, and trial justices are the only officers within the sense of the Constitution requiring nominations by primary election.

Mr. Meares explained that the last part of the resolution was offered to settle what officers would be voted for in the primary.

Election for delegates to Congressional Convention, at Laurens, was entered into. The following delegates were elected: H. A. Gaillard, A. P. Irby, A. E. Davis, T. W. Brice, C. A. Douglass, R. E. Ellison, W. M. Coleman, J. G. Mobley.

Some of the delegates wanted to hear Gen. Bratton, but he was absent from the Convention—in another county.

The chair then stated that there had been no call issued for the Judicial Convention, but it might be well to elect delegates now. On motion the election was held and the following gentlemen were elected: J. D. Harrison, W. J. Johnston, W. Ragsdale, C. S. Ford, C. A. Douglass, D. H. Ruff, W. R. Rabb, J. S. Gannell. W. W. Lyles was nominated, but declined.

T. W. Traylor moved that delegates to State Convention be elected.

W. R. Rabb moved for adjournment. Lost.

Traylor's motion was voted down, but the vote was afterwards reconsidered. After much discussion pro and con, on motion of R. Y. Lemmon the original motion of Traylor was laid on the table by a vote of 71—the yeas being an overwhelming majority.

The unfinished business was then taken up, being the Elliott resolution previously introduced. Motions to lay on the table and various amendments were offered. After some parliamentary skirmishing the resolutions were finally adopted, reading thus:

That the present membership of the clubs be left undisturbed in their privileges.

That in future only members entitled to vote at the next ensuing general election be allowed to vote at the primary election or for delegates to any County Convention.

That the Executive Committee ascertain whether similar laws prevail in other counties in the Congressional and Judicial Districts, and take necessary steps to secure uniformity.

That each club be allowed to enroll on its membership minors of not less than 16 years of age. Such minors to have the privilege of voting for club officers only.

It being past the dinner hour, two o'clock, of most delegates, a motion to

adjourn was carried by the hasty exit of members as soon as it was made.

A NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken.

**SQUIRES FROM UPPER LONGTOWN.**

Our roads are in very good condition. Commissioner Turner Stewart has had built a bridge across a very dangerous blowout on the Peay's ferry road.

Mrs. Eli Harrison left for Texas on last Monday, where she will visit her sons and sister in Texarkana, and will home return next fall.

There is very little political gossip in this section, and hope that we will have no use for your sledge hammer and anvil man. Neighbors should not fall out because they do not vote for the same candidates.

**UPPER LONGTOWN.**

As an appetizer and nerve tonic, Barrett's Tonic is unsurpassed. Try it. For sale by McMaster, Brice & Ketchin.

**PRIZE CLUB.**

The Waterlee Farmers' Prize Club met Saturday, the 7th inst., at Mr. T. L. Johnson's. The club was called to order at five o'clock, Mr. F. A. Neil in the chair.

A committee was appointed to inspect each member's crop and make a report at the next meeting. The club requests the company of few friends who will be invited at the next meeting. On this occasion we will try to have some watermelons.

We took a view of Mr. Johnston's brag patch. It is given up to be the finest acre of cotton in the club, and is there being 13 trial justices and 16 townspeople—that it will complicate the election. As it now inconveniences the people having business with the office, we believe that one trial justice in each township would simplify the manner of election and give easier access to the office to persons now living at a great distance therefrom, and give better satisfaction generally.

Resolved, 1. That candidates for the Legislature be asked to pledge themselves to use their best efforts in securing a change in the law, so to place one trial justice over each township.

2. That all clubs are earnestly requested to co-operate in asking for this change.

There being no further business the club adjourned to meet July 21, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. H. L. Duke, arrived at home on the 6th inst., from Monroe, La., where he has been engaged the past year as principal of the graded schools. We suppose he will now enter the canvass for school commissioner with a vim.

**FOR DYSPEPSIA and Liver Complaint** you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken.

**LETTER FROM MEXICO.**

SALTILLO, MEXICO, June 28, 1888.—Saltillo, a city of 1,134 inhabitants, is situated on the line of the Mexican National Railroad, 230 miles from Laredo, Texas, perched upon the mountains 5,204 feet above the sea level, with charming scenery and a most salubrious climate, and is a most delightful place.

The houses are built of adobe or sundried brick, one story high, with the exception of the cathedral, the Governor's palace, the theatre, and a few private residences. The cathedral is an immense pile commenced in 1745 and completed in 1800, and cost \$93,000. The stone and mortar had to be carried to the top on the back of burros by means of inclined scaffolding on which they walked. The wealth displayed inside the building is immense, as there are numerous images of solid gold and silver.

The theatre is an American building of corrugated iron siding, and is quite a handsome structure.

The streets are very narrow and badly paved (some of it, I am told, has been done for 200 years) with but little shade, as they have no shade trees and few awnings.

The plazas or parks are very pretty. The trees are so close their branches interlace. The walks are tiled and well provided with comfortable seats, making a most charming resort, especially at night when lighted up by the numerous lamps suspended from the trees, the fountains playing in the centre, and enlivened by the strains of "My Queen" from the band, and the bright toilets of the Mexican ladies.

On the promenade the ladies go in couples making the ladies go in the plaza. Gentlemen the same, only in the other direction, thus walking vis a vis. It is the custom in Mexico for ladies to walk together without escort unless chaperoned by one of their parents.

The Mexican National Railroad is progressing at the rate of 2 1/2 miles per day, and it will probably be finished by the 1st of August. The end of the track to date is 120 miles south of this place. The road is being built by English capital. Everything a No. 1—45 lb. English steel rail (imported) ballast and iron water tanks with gravity supply, Baldwin coal burning engines. The passenger coaches now being built in New York are to be fitted up in first class style, and lighted by electricity. The schedule for the passenger train will be out from Laredo, Texas to the City of Mexico in

## DEAR CREEK ITEMS.

The "Glorious Fourth" was celebrated by this community by having a big picnic at Mr. M. L. Cooper's. Instead of speech-making and fire works we had music and dancing, which was entered into and enjoyed by all the young people, the older ones enjoying themselves in a more quiet manner.

As usual, the dinner and music were highly enjoyed. Much credit is due the kind and attentive hostess for the enjoyment of the day. Among those from a distance were Mr. Heins and daughter, Mr. Pickett and wife, Messrs. Ruff, Edmunds, Hinnant, Cloyd, and Bolick, and Miss Simpson, Cloyd, and Bush, all of Ridgeway.

The Dear Creek Democratic Club met Saturday, the 7th inst.

The following resolutions were discussed fully, and adopted unanimously:

Whereas, nominations for trial justices are now made by primary, and the judicial districts being in such shape—there being 13 trial justices and 16 townships—that it will complicate the election. As it now inconveniences the people having business with the office, we believe that one trial justice in each township would simplify the manner of election and give easier access to the office to persons now living at a great distance therefrom, and give better satisfaction generally.

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2. That all clubs are earnestly requested to co-operate in asking for this change.

There being no further business the club adjourned to meet July 21, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. H. L. Duke, arrived at home on the 6th inst., from Monroe, La., where he has been engaged the past year as principal of the graded schools. We suppose he will now enter the canvass for school commissioner with a vim.

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**LETTER FROM MEXICO.**

SALTILLO, MEXICO, June 28, 1888.—Saltillo, a city of 1,134 inhabitants, is situated on the line of the Mexican National Railroad, 230 miles from Laredo, Texas, perched upon the mountains 5,204 feet above the sea level, with charming scenery and a most salubrious climate, and is a most delightful place.

The houses are built of adobe or sundried brick, one story high, with the exception of the cathedral, the Governor's palace, the theatre, and a few private residences. The cathedral is an immense pile commenced in 1745 and completed in 1800, and cost \$93,000. The stone and mortar had to be carried to the top on the back of burros by means of inclined scaffolding on which they walked. The wealth displayed inside the building is immense, as there are numerous images of solid gold and silver.

The theatre is an American building of corrugated iron siding, and is quite a handsome structure.

The streets are very narrow and badly paved (some of it, I am told, has been done for 200 years) with but little shade, as they have no shade trees and few awnings.

The plazas or parks are very pretty